GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Tranquilizers for Elephants
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the elephant darting experts have suggested the introduction of new tranquilizers and involvement of a host of officials in mob control measures while restrive animals are being darted;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
(c) whether several new drugs are being used worldwide for tranquilizing wild animals, including elephants but many of them are still not available in India; and
(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) & (b)No suggestions have been received from elephant darting experts on introduction of new tranquilizers. While darting problematic animals near crowded places, help is sought from concerned district administration, police and other agencies, for mob control.

(c) & (d)No new drugs have been introduced recently for tranquilization of elephant and other large animals. Tranquilizing drugs for large wild animals are not available in India and are to be imported. Director, Nandankanan Zoo, Bhubaneswar has been authorized to import in bulk the tranquilizing drugs and their antidotes, for use by state forest departments, within the country.

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